



Conservation Successes --- September 2003

Surplus River Access Site Becomes Community Waterfront Park

Community obtains permanent access to Ohio River

Cloverport, KY (July 9, 2003) – The National Park Service's Federal Lands to Parks program transferred the Cloverport Access Site to the city of Cloverport, KY, for the development of their community riverfront park. This 15.7-acre property provides a boat launching ramp, open space, and a scenic overlook on Clover Creek, a tributary of the Ohio River. Formerly acquired and developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for boating access, the property will be further developed and operated as a picnic park and riverfront park.



Valued at just over \$50,000, the property is significant because it provides the only direct, but more importantly, sheltered boating access to the Ohio River in Cloverport. NPS Federal Lands to Parks staff negotiated the transfer. For information, contact: Bill Huie, Federal Lands to Parks Program Manager, at bill_huie@nps.gov or 404-562-3175.

Guiding Wellness in Wisconsin

Portage County Trails and Wellness Initiative

Portage Co., WI (August 2003) - A diverse group of organizations interested in promoting physical activity and overall wellness recently celebrated completion of the Trails and Wellness Initiative. This collaboration resulted in a guide which consists of a map, descriptions of hiking, biking, and canoe trails, and a description of the seven elements of wellness which residents can use to find places to be active! The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program provided coordination and technical assistance to the committee which met over 18 months to define new and existing trails, decide how to promote trail use, create a format for the guide, and raise funds for production. Committee members include the City of Stevens Point, the Green Circle Trail Association, the Plover River Alliance, Portage County, the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point School of Health Promotion and Human Development. For more information, please contact Angie Tornes, Outdoor Recreation Planner, RTCA, at angie_tornes@nps.gov or 414-297-3605.

Rehabilitated Playgrounds Give Space to Play

UPARR Has An Impact in Harrisburg, PA

Harrisburg, PA (September 2003) - After recently receiving two grants totaling \$180,226 from the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Program, the City of Harrisburg and the Harrisburg Parks and Partnerships Program rehabilitated both



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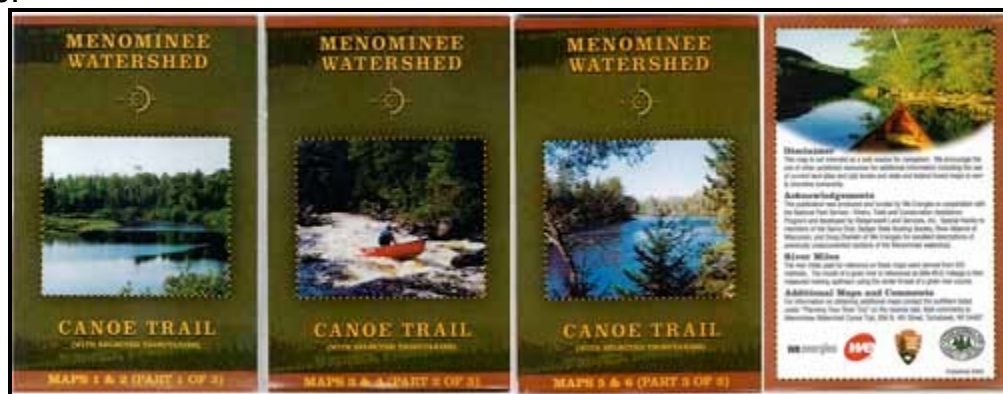
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Vernon Street and Braxton Playgrounds. These sites are in the heart of two of the city's low-income distressed neighborhood and are the focal point for area residents. Working in partnership with the UPARR Program, the City of Harrisburg has now rehabilitated seven sites using a UPARR investment of over \$500,000. For additional information, contact Mary Vavra, Program Manager for Pennsylvania, at (215) 597-9175 or e-mail at mary_vavra@nps.gov.



Menominee Watershed Canoe Trail

NE Wisconsin & Michigan's western Upper Peninsula (August 2003) – Users will now be able to easily locate access and points of interest along the Menominee River and its tributaries with a full-color, waterproof, three-piece map and guide. Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program staff provided coordination and assisted a committee to produce the guide which includes historical and natural information about each of six sections as well as an overview of the watershed and hydropower activities within it. The committee consisted of We Energies (formerly Wisconsin Electric), Sierra Club, Badger State Boating Society, River Alliance of Wisconsin, Stiegerwald Land Services, and local outfitters. This project spun-off from the hydropower relicensing settlement agreement on the river. For more information, please contact Angie Tornes, Outdoor Recreation Planner, RTCA, at angie_tornes@nps.gov or 414-297-3605.



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